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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Frank Harlan Green, Jr., age 43, of Norfolk, Virginia, a career offender, was sentenced to 188 months in federal prison in the U.S. District Court in Norfolk today on charges of possessing more than five grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, and possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon. Green was arrested on a federal complaint in August 2004 and pled guilty to a criminal information in October 2004.

Green was arrested by Norfolk Police Department narcotics officers on state charges following the execution of a search warrant at his apartment in Norfolk on February 26, 2004. Prior police investigation determined that Green was distributing crack cocaine from the apartment. During the search, officers recovered a loaded .38 caliber Taurus revolver, additional ammunition, over 23 grams of crack cocaine packaged for distribution, and other drug distribution paraphernalia. The case was referred for federal prosecution under Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)/EXILE.

Project PSN/EXILE is a multi-agency joint federal and state task force targeting armed criminals for prosecution in federal court for possession or use of firearms in violation of federal laws. It is a part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nationwide effort by the Department of Justice aimed at reducing violent crimes. Since its inception in Hampton Roads in late 1997, Project EXILE/PSN has produced over 930 convictions and removed over 1650 firearms from armed criminals.

This case was investigated by agents and task force officers of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Norfolk Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney James A. Metcalfe prosecuted the case for the United States.

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